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Mark,

In speaking with our CIP personnel, the following information is provided for consideration. (Unable to consult with C/Supt Parly as unable to contact him)

Issue:

On February 9, 2020, RCMP and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) personnel met with the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) in an effort to assist in the planning of the Freedom Convoy Protest.

Background:

- On February 8, RCMP were advised that the OPP was attending Ottawa to assist in the bolstering and development of a Tactical Public Order plan for the protest.
- Attempts were made on a/n date by RCMP Supt Lue to obtain the current plan from the OPS, however, none was forthcoming.
- On February 9, OPP C/Supt Carson Parly and RCMP Supt. Lue attended the OPS HQ in an effort to assist in the development of an assist plan.
- Upon attendance in the morning hours, a/n parties were advised that Chief Sloly would be meeting with them at 12:00 to share the operational plan.
- At 13:00, the attached concept document was provided which highlights the pillars of their intended actions:
 1. Maintain and hold access zones/Minor Enforcement
 2. Enforcement action
 3. Strike Teams for deliberate actions

The document includes on p. 8, references to:

- *"Any action taken to remove occupiers and vehicles will require the development of*
- *Deliberate Action Plans..."*
- *"Planning for these operations takes a substantial amount of time involving multiple*
- *Sections"*
- *"During these operations it is also necessary to bolster support in other areas of*
- *occupation so that flashpoints can be quickly addressed to prevent critical incidents"*

- *"The above is identified so that the reader is aware that any Deliberate Action Plan will*
- *have an additional impact on resourcing before, during and after an operation"*
- *p. 5, "b. 5 - 7 day Planning Forecasts"*

Continuing in the meeting, with less than 24hr notice to partners and against the advice from the RCMP and OPP, the OPS Chief announced that Enforcement action was to take place on Feb 10 beginning at 06:00. These included:

- Feb 10 (0600): Enforcement action on two (2) sites with one arrest warrant
- Feb 12: Enforcement action on Wellington and Sir John A MacDonald Parkway
- Feb 14-15: Enforcement action on the remaining streets.

****NOTE:** The meeting concluded intransigently with the OPS Chief continuing to insist that enforcement action was to occur within the a/n timelines despite recommendations by the RCMP and OPP to not advance this plan.

Current Situation:

- Feb 9 at 18:00, it was learned from OPS CIC that the intended Enforcement action was to be delayed until Friday Feb 11 at 06:00.
- At the drafting of this document, there was no kinetic plan development underway, however, the partners intend on continuing on Feb 10.

Analysis:

- The assessment by the RCMP CIP remains that the concept of operations document as provided by the OPS this date does not constitute a viable plan.
- The options provided were not consistent with an operational plan, contained no tactical details, but rather is a document that highlights pillars in a concept of operations.
- As this protest is currently in a static phase, more planning time is expected to contribute to increased likelihood of missions success as further resources are mobilized to the NCR.

Actions taken by RCMP:

- RCMP continues to support the OPS in regards to static posts and traffic control at perimeter locations. This remains consistent with the MOU that is being ratified in regards to 250 RCMP personnel requested by the OPS for this support piece.
- RCMP Protective Policing has also increased its posture at protected site to enhance Protection, Detection and Response capability in the form of:
 - Tactical Support Group (TSG),
 - Emergency Response Team (ERT,
 - Enhanced Ministerial Transport/Escorts
 - Enhanced Supreme Court Justices Escorts.
 - Protective Policing Response Unit (PRU)

Recommendations:

As the RCMP remains committed to assisting the OPS and as we have requested but not yet received an acceptable level of knowledge of the plan and as per our duty of care for Members, it is recommended that:

- The RCMP continue its efforts, while aligned with partners, to bolster the Concept of Operations to then provide a scalable Operational Plan that is supported by all partners and,

- Consideration be given to a Leave Restriction for 14 days. (scalable).

Regards,
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